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1. [redacted] the following numbers of freight trains operated and major train delays occurred in the East German railroad districts on 19 and 23 November 1954:

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Railroad District	Numbers of			
	Freight Trains		Train Delays	
	19	23	19	23
Berlin	947	904	3	1
Greifswald	401	412	-	-
Schwerin	431	438	1	3
Magdeburg	1,128	1,093	3	6
Halle	1,604	1,581	14	11
Erfurt	1,202	1,216	10	14
Dresden	2,193	2,191	5	3
Cottbus	907	907	2	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,813</b>	<b>8,742</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>39</b>

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2. Erwin Kramer was appointed minister for transport of the GDR. There were no indications that the Ministry of Railroads was to be reorganized into a Ministry for Transport which would also include motor traffic and shipping. The new assignment of the former Minister of Railroads, Roman Chwalek, was unknown. <sup>2</sup>
3. On 24 November 1954, it was learned at the Berlin railroad headquarters that new locomotives were to be supplied in the near future. There were indications that these locomotives were being manufactured at the Borsig Works and that production was hampered by a shortage of material such as copper tubes and springs. <sup>3</sup>

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4. A central archives is being established within the IX administration of the Ministry of Railroads/KVP. <sup>5</sup>This archives is to keep all strategically important records on communication lines and installations. Information on the railroads and most of the information on motor traffic has been recorded in 1954. Information on waterways will be collected in 1955. A total of 350,000 DME have been allotted for this purpose. A Captain Neuhaus (fnu) is charged with the collection of the material. 4, 6

1. Comment. Compared to the last reported period, the numbers of operated freight trains and the numbers of major train delays remained about constant.

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2. Comment. The new assignment of Kramer, previously deputy minister of railroads, in connection with the reshuffle of the government after the People's Chamber election was known from press reports.

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The Ministry of Railroads was redesignated Ministry for Transport in accordance with Soviet terminology. The Soviet Ministry for Transport is only in charge of railroad affairs.

3. Comment. This information is believed to refer to the 1955 construction program of the political economy plan which, for the first time, envisages the manufacture of 50 locomotives in 1955.

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The former Borsig Works were incorporated as a VEB into the LEM (Lokomotivbau Elektrotechnische Werke), Hennigsdorf.

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4. Comment. The IX Administration of the Ministry of Railroads/KVP is the military transportation system. Its chief is KVP Colonel Watzdorf. Captain Neuhaus has been reported as assigned to the Ministry of Railroads since fall 1953.

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5. Comment: Probably Ministry of the Interior/KVP IX Administration (Transportation) is meant.

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6. Comment: Neuhaus (fnu) is listed as Deputy Chief for Employment of Railroad Tank Cars and Special Purpose Cars in the Ministry of Railroads as of September 1954.

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